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SUBJECT: BULGARIA'S RESPONSE TO USG NOMINATION FOR CO-CHAIR

OF IPCC WORKING GROUP II

REF: STATE 82698

POLEC Officer delivered points on the USG nomination for Co-Chair of the IPCC Working Group II, Dr. Christopher Field, to Maria Pavlova, State Expert for the Department of Specialized Agencies, Programs, Funds, and Other International Organizations within the Directorate of United Nations and Global Affairs at Bulgaria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on August 6. Ms. Pavlova noted that she was aware of Dr. Field's candidacy and had met with the Senior Officer at the Ministry of Environment who will be representing Bulgaria at the upcoming 29th Plenary Meeting of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He considers Dr. Field highly qualified, particularly given his experience as the coordinating lead author for the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report on vulnerability, impacts, and adaptation. Bulgaria is favorable toward his nomination, but no official decision as been made at this time. Unofficially, Ms. Pavlova thought that Bulgaria would probably support his nomination. Karaqiannis